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**CLIMATE CHANGE**



# **Proposed Work Plan**

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- 8 meetings
- Held in Richmond and at universities around the Commonwealth
- Each meeting will include
  - a commission roundtable
  - a public comment period





# Meeting #1 (Richmond)

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- Receive charge from Governor Kaine
- Swearing in of members
- FOIA briefing
- Executive Order 59
- Virginia Energy Plan & Executive Order 48
  - Greenhouse gas reduction goal
  - Emphasis on energy efficiency, conservation, renewable energy, carbon capture and storage
  - Energy Policy Advisory Council
- Discuss and adopt Work Plan
- Virginia Greenhouse Gas Inventory; participation in The Climate Registry; proposed legislation: Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting



# Meeting #2 (UVA)

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- Intergovernmental Panel Climate Change: Findings, Process
- Miller Center Climate Change Initiative
- Summary of state and regional approaches to addressing climate change
- Federal approaches to addressing climate change
- Major sources of GHG emissions
  - Stationary sources (Utilities, manufacturing, landfills, agriculture)
  - Transportation
- Carbon sinks





# Meeting #3 (William and Mary)

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- Voluntary actions undertaken by industry
- Industry experience with actions taken by other states and regions to address climate change
- Expected impacts of climate change on Virginia
  - Sea-level rise
  - Ocean acidification
  - Agriculture
  - Natural systems: forests, wetlands, wildlife
  - Chesapeake Bay fisheries
  - Public health



# Meeting #4 (GMU)

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- Expected economic impacts of climate change on Virginia
  - Sea-level rise, severe weather and the built environment
  - Ports
  - Military installations
  - Insurance industry
- Economic opportunities
  - Green investing
  - Emerging technologies
  - Case studies: emerging trends in the marketplace





# Meeting #5 (Virginia Tech)

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- Actions to address climate change being undertaken by Virginia localities
- Connection between climate change, land use, building practices, and transportation choices
- Adaptation: addressing impacts that are likely to occur despite changes in policy
  - Food supply
  - Vulnerable wildlife
  - Land use
  - Infrastructure
  - Emergency preparedness
- Refresher on state, regional approaches
- Lessons learned from actions taken by other nations
- Update on congressional action



# Remaining meetings

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## Meeting 6 (Richmond)

- Stakeholder recommendations
- Begin discussion of recommendations
- Public hearing

## Meeting 7 (Richmond)

- Continue to discuss recommendations

## Meeting 8 (Richmond)

- Finalize recommendations
- Review draft report

